

March Tomorrow for Democracy and Peace!

As we march tomorrow, the Senate of the U.S. will be debating—perhaps even voting—on the most ambitious legislative attempt ever made by Wall Street to chain the organized labor movement. As we parade tomorrow, the administration will be in the midst of trying to put across its war-breeding, imperialist foreign policy against the expressed will of the

majority of the American people. As we demonstrate tomorrow, civil liberty will be fighting for breath from Peoria, Ill., to Albany, N. Y., via Washington and the pro-fascist Un-American Committee.

May Day, 1947, will spell out a message of peace, security and democracy.

ALL OUT TOMORROW!

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WORLD EVENTS

The Alien Platypus Tagged by FBI

By Olive Sutton

We went up to the Bronx Zoo yesterday to find out how the chill spring weather is affecting the morale of the three little platypuses, Cecil, Penelope and Betty Hutton, who have just arrived from Australia.

Back in Australia, they said, the delicate little foreigners were given a whole course in how to behave when they met up with the great American public, and how to keep from having nervous breakdowns. And just the press—soft-spoken newspapermen and patient, understanding photographers—were invited for their debut. But the public and his brother had turned out.

Penelope, riding a ripple in the corner of the pool right under our gaze, didn't seem delicate. She gained on the voyage over, they said, and in general had more of a flip attitude toward this Great Adventure than her two companions.

So we concentrated on Penelope.

Came a wee voice:

"Are you a foreign agent, too?" I jumped. (Who wouldn't?) I looked at Art. He was flirting with Betty Hutton who was billing a worm from some important person's hand.

"Huh?" There it was again, and this time I looked down, and Penelope's little wise eye met mine, and she tweaked a left web-foot.

"Why uh—" we started.

GRILLING CECIL

"That's where Cecil is," and it was Penelope yapping all right. "They're still grilling him. We been here since Friday, you know—resting, and darned if they haven't had one of J. Edgar Hoover's boys up here every time we're awake."

"You mean," we asked somewhat shakily, "you birds—I mean—you are registered as foreign agents?"

(How do you call these creatures, web-footed, billed, like ducks, fur-bodied like muskrats, and egg-laying like hens?)

"Yep," came the pert reply. "It's better that way, too. After

all, we're a minority here. We were a minority back home, too. And from what I hear—" at this point a patient photographer got me in the ribs with his camera, and careened over the pool.

"Hold it, little girl, hold it," he shouted at a blond kid across the pool with a brown little platypus done up by some toy manufacturer to hit the market right on this day.

REGISTERED

"Don't mind him," Penelope advised us. "Just look over the material they gave you. See what it says there. Naturally, we're registered as foreign agents. Come to spread good relations, didn't we?"

She flipped a pretty flip and slid off toward the sunny side of the pool, waving that left web-foot.

So we went away, and we figured that was one conversation we wouldn't report. But just for the heck of it, we looked at that material like Penelope said.

Sure enough. The Australian News and Information Bureau's statement, introducing the platy-



pus family to its American friends, had this tacked on:

"A copy of this material is being filed with the Department of Justice, where the registration statement of the Australian News and Information Bureau is available for inspection. Registration un-

der the Foreign Agents Registration Act does not indicate approval or disapproval of this material by the U. S. government."

So, maybe it's better they're registered after all. It would be tough for the U. S. to have to approve or disapprove of platypuses.

Gromyko Asks Full and Free Discussion on Palestine

By Joseph Clark

United States delegate Herschel Johnson lined up with the British yesterday in an attempt to limit discussion at the special session of the UN General Assembly to establishing an investigating committee on Palestine. Soviet spokesman Andrei Gromyko countered with an appeal for full and free discussion by all who wished to present their views on a Palestine solution.

Poland was the first country to urge officially the inclusion of a Jewish voice in a discussion so vital to the future of the Jewish people.

These issues were drawn as the Steering Committee of the General Assembly met to decide on the agenda for its special session.

In the morning, the committee voted to include the British proposal for discussing establishment of an investigating committee.

ARAB PROPOSAL

In the afternoon there was sharp dispute over the proposal of the Arab states to include, as an additional point on the agenda, ending the British mandate over Palestine and granting that country its independence.

Spokesmen for the Arab states argued the entire issue of Palestine, blasting the British mandate along with Zionism.

Polish delegate J. Wipiewicz then took the floor to say his government favored the principle of Palestine independence, but before a decision could be made to include this matter on the agenda, all parties concerned, he said, must be heard.

The Jewish people are decisively involved in this matter, he said, but they have not been invited here. Therefore, he stated, he would abstain in the vote.

GROMYKO'S SPEECH

Gromyko's brief speech pointed out the committee was just deciding on procedure. This special session of the General Assembly does not have to take or make a final decision on the Palestine question, he added.

But why try to stifle discussion on this matter, he wanted to know. He indicated that he would therefore favor the Arab proposal at this stage, only in the sense of allowing full and unhampered discussion in the Assembly.

U. S. delegate Herschel Johnson argued that no item except the one proposed by the British—establish-

ing an investigation committee—should be discussed by the Assembly. By implication he opposed the admission of giving the Jewish Agency a voice in the discussion, noting that when a Commission was set up it could consult all interested groups.

BRITAIN'S INTENTION

The morning session revealed that Great Britain had no intention of carrying out any UN decision on Palestine with which she did not agree.

This admission came from Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan under the calm but logical prodding by India's delegate, Asaf Ali.

All asked Sir Alexander whether it was true that a British Government spokesman told the House of Lords that Britain was not prepared to say whether it would accept any recommendations of the General Assembly meeting.

"If so, what is the use of considering any item on the agenda now?" All asked.

Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil, chairman, tried to rule the question out of order. But Egypt's delegate, Mahmoud Hassan Pasha, said he

thought the question was pertinent. Gromyko also stated that in his opinion the Indian delegate's question was "related to the discussion of the agenda."

Sir Alexander finally answered All. He quoted from the verbatim report of the House of Lords' debate:

"I cannot imagine His Majesty's Government carrying out a policy of which it does not approve."

There's a distinction there, Cadogan said, between what All said and the British statement.

All replied:

"If these recommendations are not acceptable or approved by His Majesty's Government, His Majesty's Government will walk out on the whole show. Is that how the United Nations ought to work? Once the United Nations has made a decision, every signatory of the UN... should accept it and say, 'Yes, we will carry it out.'"

Cadogan's answer was that India didn't appreciate the "responsibilities" which Britain has in Palestine.

How can we expend "blood and treasure" if we don't agree on the purpose for which it goes? he wanted to know.

This set the stage for the sharpest dig of the entire debate. All said gently: "We understand the untenable position of the British Empire in Palestine."

Russians Back Their Gov't, Says Wallace

Henry A. Wallace told a group of college journalism students yesterday that the people of Russia do not have the same freedom as Americans but that they have an intense feeling that they are a vital part of their government.

The Soviet system is a dictatorship, Wallace said, but the people know they have more of a part of the workings of the state than ever before in their history.

Wallace was interviewed in the New Republic offices by almost 100 college editors from eastern states. The conference was sponsored by the Columbia Daily Spectator of Columbia University.

Wallace remained noncommittal regarding the possible formation of a third party next year, and his leadership of such a party.

"Sooner or later," he said, "if we can't make the Democratic Party into the party for liberals, the next generation will have to establish a means of expressing itself politically on a national scale."

Basis Laid For Reich Solution, Pravda Says

Pravda, Communist Party paper in the USSR, declared in an editorial yesterday that the Soviet Union's efforts to meet the western powers half way at the Foreign Ministers conference was met by determined American and British attempts to violate the Potsdam and Yalta agreements.

As a result of the non-fulfillment of the Potsdam decisions, it went on, liquidation of the military industrial potential in the western zones "is entirely insufficient."

The editorial recounted accomplishments of the conference, declaring:

"It can be said that by observance of the methods already experienced and tried in the practice of international cooperation, there is full possibility of working out agreements eventually leading to a solution of the German problem in the spirit corresponding to the interests of the peace and security of all nations."

"One can boldly state that the conference laid down the foundations for a solution of the German problem."

The peace treaty for Austria, the editorial said, was delayed because of the western powers failure to live up to agreements on German reparations.

'Neither Pessimistic, Nor Optimistic': Bevin

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the British people yesterday that the Big Four are "not working for a day but for generations to come" in framing the peace for Germany.

Arriving in London from the Moscow conference, Bevin said: "I am not unduly pessimistic, neither am I optimistic."

"I ask the British people to have patience. We shall reconcile our differences, but in framing a peace we must remember we are not working for a day but for generations to come."

'Daily' Business Office Closes 1 PM May Day

The business office of the Daily Worker will close at 1 p.m. on May Day, Thursday, May 1st.

Pepper Urges Compromise Spirit

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Senator Claude Pepper (D-Fla) called today for a "spirit of compromise" to solve the differences between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall's report on the Moscow conference makes it clear, Pepper said, that "if we are to make any progress toward the solution of differences, all of us have got to approach the decision from a spirit of compromise."

"And we can't settle it piecemeal. We must settle the whole field of difference."

Pepper added he hoped Marshall

would use his "great talents and skills" to find a basis for such an understanding and adjustment.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, chief GOP foreign policy spokesman and plugger for the Truman Doctrine, backed Marshall's contention that the USSR is to blame for whatever the Foreign Ministers didn't get done at Moscow.

"Peace lags," he said, "because the Soviets insist upon demands which America and her other allies cannot accept."

Marshall is right, he declared "in frankly stating that we and the world cannot indefinitely permit disintegrating forces to threaten sound results."

Senate Democratic leader Alben Barkley termed Marshall's report "a very frank and very comprehensive outline of the situation as he found it in Moscow."

Rep. James W. Wadsworth (R-NY) found "enough optimism in Marshall's report to indicate that the prospects are not absolutely black. There is hope of eventual agreement."

Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D-N.M.) welcomed the "clarification of issues which the Secretary said was made at Moscow."

"We cannot have agreement until we find out what the issues in disagreement are," he said.

LABOR and the NATION

Newburyport Price Plan Is a Phony

By George Marion

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., April 29.—The heavily headlined "Newburyport Plan" is just a slick merchandising scheme. That is the virtually unanimous "off-the-record" verdict here, where most storekeepers feel they were dragooned into the plan by the handful of merchants who have profited most. I came here prepared to believe the merchants of this small town, whose customers are also their neighbors, became really worried at the danger to the nation arising from inflated prices. Aware that the plan has been picked up from coast to coast and

Fooling the People

AN EDITORIAL

FRANKLY, we are disillusioned.

While we knew that prices could not actually be brought down by voluntary action of retail merchants, we had hoped the Newburyport Plan might prove to be a demonstration of unity between merchants and consumers in behalf of lower prices.

It turns out the Plan is a much-publicized hoax; that even this alleged, if meager response to Truman's pleas for lower prices has been grossly exaggerated.

We have no doubt that retail merchants, along with consumers, want prices lowered. Certainly, they feel the pinch when people stop buying.

But it cannot be done by "voluntary action," either on their part or on the part of those who bear the real responsibility for inflationary prices—the monopoly producers and wholesale distributors.

Only real price controls by the government will force prices to come down.

PHONE UNIONS CHARGE AT&T REFUSES TO BARGAIN

By Bernard Burton

Telephone union leaders charged yesterday the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. had "refused to bargain" in a fruitless 30-minute negotiating session in Washington.

Robert Creasy, vice-president of the Long Lines Union, affiliated to the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said the company had again turned thumbs down on making any wage offer. The NFW last week halved its wage raise demand to \$6 a week.

In New York company representatives also refused to make any move to bring a settlement of the 23-day-old strike.

Herman Krause, New York strike director, said picket lines were showing up stronger than ever, with AFL and CIO members supporting the strikers.

Members of the CIO Sanitation Workers joined the picket line in the afternoon at 13 St. and Second

Ave. CIO Teachers turned out after school and joined four lines in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens.

Krause announced AFL Butchers will distribute meat sandwiches to pickets at 32 Avenue of the Americas tomorrow. The butchers will picket while the strikers take time out to eat, Krause said.

The strike director also revealed that financial and other help has been coming in from other unions. A CIO packinghouse local has contributed frankfurters to strike kitchens. CIO brewery workers turned in a second \$500 check yesterday although the brewery workers themselves may be forced on strike at any moment.

The Colorado State Industrial Commission issued an order yesterday prohibiting mass picketing in the state. L. H. Purdy, strike head here, said the union had been given no chance to present its side of the case at commission hearings.

has been commended by President Truman, I set out to find out how it worked. Norman J. Randell, official spokesman for the sponsors, and other plan leaders told me they did not recognize any merchant or community as participating in the plan unless he gave a flat 10 percent rebate on sales checks. In other words, unless all goods came under the Plan.

They emphasized that the heart of the Plan was to build up pressure from retailer to wholesaler to manufacturer and thus force nationwide price-cutting on a uniform healthy basis. I did not doubt their sincerity and questioned only how they could make U. S. Steel, General Electric and their peers get in line.

But when I had gone from store to store, talked to people in the street and surveyed the general scene, I discovered that most of the stores flying the paper pennants of the "Newburyport Plan" were not giving a general rebate.

These storekeepers explained that the plan was suitable only to lines of merchandise handled by the few merchants who had organized the plan. But they doubted that a store in town was conforming to the pledge literally, since "price protected" items covered by "fair-price" laws could not be included in any case without risk of prosecution.

MERCHANTS BITTER

I found that most Newburyport storekeepers were bitter despite the fact that the plan had brought them increased trade. They told me a small group of merchants with overloaded shelves had adopted the plan and laid it in their laps after the publicity was started. This put them on the spot and they could not refuse to go along.

They said at least one of the sponsors was not just a retailer but had operated during the war as large scale middleman on sales to the government. With shipyard pay cut heavily, with the shoe manufacturers already laying off hundreds of workers in this big shoe area, this merchant was stuck with tons of goods. A couple of New England chain stores, a local hardware and specialty group, joined in the plan to advertise Newburyport and put across a communitywide sale, my sources told me.

Not until I had checked the information obtained here with all

REALITY

WASHINGTON, April 29 (UP).—The Agriculture Department tonight reported a general rise in food prices between March 15 and April 15.

the surrounding communities and phoned more distant places whose citizens have been trading here recently, did I become convinced there is no sincere well-organized effort to start a national price-reduction "voluntary" movement.

Randell admitted to me that his group was now "toning down" its boasts about increased business because of this conflict. But the group was very vague about names of wholesalers and manufacturers who had publicly committed themselves to join the ten per cent movement not just for the trial period and not just for Newburyport merchants, but for all.

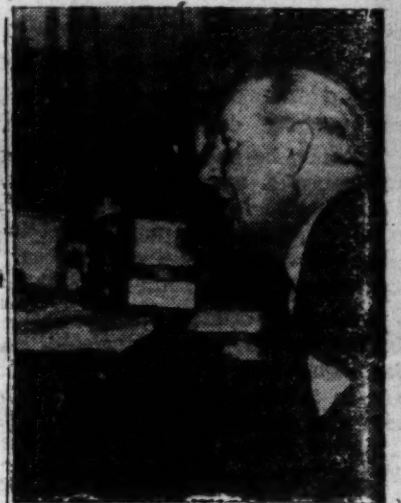
The Reis Underwear Co. and Keystone Mills were the only names actually given after persistent questioning. Many merchants confirmed this information. The manager of a 10-cent store—there are three here—said flatly he had only a handful of items for sale under the plan.

"We were mousetrapped," another merchant said. But neither these nor certain civil service men here would permit use of their names. The neighboring towns that lost trade as a result of the rich publicity for Newburyport were more willing to talk on the record.

Beverly, Mass., denounced the scheme and named May 1 to May 3 as "confidence days," a kind of city-wide sale to combat Newburyport's raid on retail traffic. Beverly Chamber of Commerce secretary Oscar A. Olsen rejected a Newburyport attempt to "explain" away the raid on a "misunderstanding."

"Local retail business leaders," he said, "understood the basic intent of the plan but it was not an 'across-the-board' 10 percent reduction in prices and, accordingly, misleading the buying public."

He said "countless items" were



MAYOR OF NEWBURYPORT
Sells Bill of Goods

price-fixed and hence not subject to the rebate, yet these were just the items most sought after by customers drawn by the "across-the-board" bait.

PUBLICITY GAG

At Portsmouth, N. H., Chamber of Commerce president Harry Clarke, rejecting the plan, said: "Newburyport is just engaging in a publicity stunt, a stunt worth millions of dollars."

Lynn, Waltham and other towns said they lowered prices without fanfare after Christmas as an ordinary approach to the selling problem and it was, in effect, a dry trick to ask them to cut another 10 percent to meet Newburyport's competition. Lawrence said it was in no hurry to adopt the plan.

The high moral tone of the plan is constantly maintained in the local newspaper, the Newburyport Daily News. But I went through its files with a ruler and measured the material advantages it got from the deal before the plan was launched. Approximately one-third of the paper's total space was filled by ads; almost every issue since the plan was first announced has been over half advertising and some issues over two-thirds. That's typical of the disinterestedness of the sponsors.

Irgun Pledges

'UN Holiday'

JERUSALEM, April 29.—Menahem Beigin, head of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, today pledged a "United Nations holiday" from violence if British authorities in Palestine refrained from causing "provocations."

Jackson Hts. Has a Plan, Too

By Louise Mitchell

Merchants of Jackson Heights, Queens, will let their conscience determine price cuts from 10, 20 and up to 50 percent, Al Berger, head of the local retailers' group, told the Daily Worker yesterday.

About 250 merchants will stage a three-day promotion stunt beginning tomorrow, he said, which he considers superior to the "Newburyport plan" of a so-called straight 10 percent cut.

"The Newburyport plan," he declared, "is illogical because some merchants, especially food sellers, cannot stay in business long if they cut prices 10 percent. But furniture and clothing retailers can reduce prices over 10 percent. These commodities are way overpriced."

Berger asserted his plan was worked out Monday night by some 100 local merchant members of the Jackson Heights Merchants Association, of which he is president.

Berger owns a men's clothing shop at 37-47 82d St., Jackson Heights.

"Take my business for instance," he continued. "We are selling ties for \$3.50, which are not worth more than \$1 and can be replaced at that price if the manufacturers agree. The same goes for men's underwear, which now sells at \$1.50 but should be about 79 cents."

EXPECT SELLOUT

The retailers expect a land-office business as a result of their stunt, which will help clear the shelves of overpriced, shoddy goods. Customers are expected from miles around.

The Independent Subway System, Berger revealed, has agreed to put more trains on the tracks to Jackson Heights for the three-day experiment, if necessary. This same is true for the Fifth Ave. Coach Co., he said.

All stores participating in the plan will post placards which will point out:

1. Irrespective of cost, prices have been adjusted to normal.

2. Although in many cases these cuts represent a direct loss on present inventory, it is hoped with customers' support, to prove to manufacturers and wholesalers that they can maintain sales by replacing store stocks at reduced prices.

Berger said that his group had received many inquiries from merchants' groups, Chambers of Commerce, wholesalers and manufacturers.

Other nearby communities which have arranged price reduction schemes for the end of the week are the Merchants Association of Far Rockaway, Bayside and Richmond Hill, all in Queens.

Food merchants claim wholesale prices do not permit 10 percent mark-downs, and stationers said they could not cut prices on cigarettes, newspapers, and candies without taking losses.

U.S. Chamber Gets Truman's Price Plea

WASHINGTON, April 29.—President Truman today repeated his plea for businessmen to lower prices "wherever possible at all levels." The President's appeal was made to

the 35th annual convention of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. It was read by presidential assistant John R. Steelman.

Truman also asked for increased production.

"By careful planning, by elimination of wasteful methods and practices, by expanding facilities where needed, and by increasing productivity," businessmen can greatly help in dispelling the inflationary cloud now hanging over us," he said.

The Chamber is expected to adopt a resolution to the effect that prices ought to come down "wherever possible."

Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal attempted to justify to the convention the Truman Doctrine on Greece and Turkey, on the grounds that the UN does not have the military force or the funds to "halt Communism in the Near East."

Walter Lippmann, Herald Tribune columnist, also maintained it was up to the U. S. to "resist the expansion of the Soviet Empire."

Lippmann insisted we must press for withdrawal of the Red Army within its borders, but should accompany it with "clear and realizable terms of peace."

NEW YORK

Mayor Reaffirms Stand for \$5 Auto Use Tax

Mayor O'Dwyer yesterday reaffirmed his previous statement that he would request the City Council to enact local legislation providing for a use tax of \$5 for passenger cars and \$10 for commercial trucks.

This tax, he said, was necessary to finance a salary increase for school teachers. The Mayor's comment was provoked by published reports last week that he was cool to the auto tax and might forego it.

"I intend to ask the City Council for this tax to pay the increase," the Mayor said. "Certainly I am cool to it but what can I do. I have always resisted any additional taxes." O'Dwyer pointed out that the use tax was mandatory by state legislation if the teachers were to receive their pay raises.

"This is the method directed by the legislature for us to raise the money for that increase," the Mayor added. "I have no power to prevent it, and, as far as I am concerned, that tax is going through."

In his budget message to the Council April 1 the Mayor declared the tax proceeds would be used to meet the \$3,900,000 teacher increase as well as an added \$3,000,000 the city must provide in the 1947-48 budget to offset the loss in state aid for education.

TO STUDY FACTS

O'Dwyer, holding his first City Hall press conference since his return from an 11-day California vacation, was asked about the Board of Transportation's action in rejecting a new labor relations transit policy by Transit Commissioner William H. Davis.

"All this happened while I was away," the Mayor said. "I will look into it and study all the facts."

He implied that while the Board of Transportation was an autonomous body under the law, there could be no "autonomy" for transit labor different from the policy set forth by the Mayor for all city employees.

"Labor relations must be fair to all the workers—that means there must be a labor relations set-up throughout the city, in all depart-

ments" that would be fair and equitable.

He said he might discuss the matter with the five-man board headed by Arthur S. Myers which studied the transit situation last year and initiated a transit policy that was later submitted by Commissioner Davis.

AYD Clubs Hit City Housing Ban

Clubs Jefferson and One World of the American Youth for Democracy yesterday asked for a public hearing to thrash out the question of whether they may continue to use facilities of the Queensbridge Community Center.

The clubs, which have been using the center for about a year were informed on April 17 that they would be barred in the future because their organization was deemed a political group, according to the New York City Housing Authority.

A delegation of both groups met with Authority officials but received no satisfactory answer. Their attorney, Milton Freedman, however, was informed that a request for a hearing might be granted.

The clubs have participated in community work, according to Philip Brill, secretary, who signed the letter for a public hearing. In the Queensbridge center, the clubs have held a Brotherhood Rally, a Valentine Dance and a Roosevelt Memorial.

LIRR Trainmen Defeat Dist. 50

With its defeat among Long Island Railroad ticket collectors Sunday, United Mine Workers District 50 lost its one foothold among railroad workers. The workers voted 456 to 430 for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in an election conducted by the National Mediation Board.

District 50 won an election among the ticket punchers last year after the nationwide railroad strike was broken. Its talking point was that it would obtain changes, especially in working rules, which had been denied the Railroad Brotherhoods.

Strike threats were cancelled twice during the year and an agreement was signed finally which gave District 50 nothing more than that obtained months earlier by the Brotherhoods.

How to Take Kids to Parade and Survive

The Lucy Parsons Housewives Club of the Burnside Fordham Section in the Bronx has solved the problem of what to do with the kiddies on May Day. The children will parade in baby carriages with their mothers. The housewives have hired a truck to drive the baby carriages to the parade and to pick them up at the end of the march.

Interested housewives are invited to bring carriages at 2 p.m. May 1 to the southwest corner of Burnside Ave. and the Concourse.

Meet the Communists! Come to the Foster Meeting at Madison Square Garden, Wed., May 1st

MAY DAY PARADE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Assembly points and starting schedules for the two-and-a-half-mile May Day Parade tomorrow were released yesterday. The list follows:

ASSEMBLE 12:30—1st Division—56 St., between Eighth and Ninth Aves. May Day Committee, Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, National Maritime Union, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Shipbuilding Workers.

ASSEMBLE 12:45—2d Division—56 St., between Ninth and 11th Aves. Furriers Joint Board, Furriers Joint Council.

ASSEMBLE 1:00—3d Division—55 St., between Eighth and Ninth Aves. Wholesale and Warehouse Workers, Department Store Workers, Industrial Insurance Agents.

ASSEMBLE 1:15—4th Division—55 St., between Ninth and Tenth Aves. Shoe Workers, Pocketbook Workers.

ASSEMBLE 1:30—5th Division—55 St., between Tenth and 11th Aves. Furniture Workers, Cigar Workers.

ASSEMBLE 1:30—6th Division—39 St., between Eighth and 10th Aves. Ladies Garment Workers, Millinery Workers.

ASSEMBLE 2:00—7th Division—54th St., between Eighth and Ninth Aves. Consumers Organizations, Tenants Organizations, Women's Organizations, unaffiliated individuals.

ASSEMBLE 2:00—8th Division—54th St., between Eighth and Ninth Aves. Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Meat Cutters, Jewelry Workers, Diamond Workers, Hotel and Restaurant Workers.

ASSEMBLE 2:30—9th Division—54 St., between Ninth and 11th Aves. Communist Party.

ASSEMBLE 3:00—10th Division—53d St., between Eighth and 11th Aves. International Workers Order, Language Societies.

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ASSEMBLE 3:30—11th Division—38 St., between Eighth and Ninth Aves. Arts, Sciences and Professions, Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers, Artists, Musicians, Theater.

ASSEMBLE 3:45—12th Division—38 St., between Ninth and 10th Aves. Youth Organizations.

ASSEMBLE 4:00—13th Division—38 St., between 10th and 11th Aves. Packinghouse Workers, Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, Harlem Organizations.

ASSEMBLE 4:15—14th Division

—37 St., between Eighth and Ninth Aves. Building Trades Workers, Painters, Carpenters, Electricians, Bricklayers, Printers, Plumbers, Paper and Pulp Workers.

ASSEMBLE 4:30—15th Division—37 St., between Ninth and Tenth Aves. Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Men's Clothing Workers.

ASSEMBLE 5:00—16th Division—36 St., between Ninth and 10th Aves. Public Service Workers, Transport Workers, United Armenian Committee, Auto Workers.

Hint Landlords Inspired 'Village' Racial Attacks

By John Hudson Jones

The possibility that Greenwich Village real estate interests inspired recent attacks on Negroes was raised at the hearing called by the Mayor's Committee on Unity Monday night at Greenwich House, 27 Barrow St. The hearing conducted by a sub-committee ap-

pointed to investigate the recent attacks was urged to look into this angle, by the Rev. Elbert Tingley, pastor of Judson Memorial Church; Professor Frederick M. Thrasher, New York University; and Clifford Davis, New York Civil Rights Congress representative.

This idea came in open discussion after about 50 representatives of 20 Greenwich Village group organizations and the Police Dept. had heard five victims describe attacks made on them by hoodlums.

They were Lieut. Steve Karr, his wife Norma, of 34 Bedford St., and Michael Murphy, all white, who were set upon April 11 on the sidewalk in front of their house. Then Charles White, Negro artist of the same address, and David MacAdoo of 45 McDougal St. told of being attacked in the Cube Steak House, 321 Avenue of the Americas on April 12. The Karrs shared the upper floor of White's two story house.

They all accused the police of dereliction of duty as charged by the Daily Worker in a special article last week. The night that Lt. Karr was attacked and sustained a fractured nose, police were called three times and failed to appear, and when White and MacAdoo were attacked they charged that the patrolman failed to protect them from the hoodlum who continued to kick and strike at them in the cop's presence.

Prof. Thrasher recalled that "in Chicago it was proved realty interests raised a \$25,000 fund to keep Negroes out of Hyde Park." This "possibility should be looked into here," he urged.

Rev. Tingley's idea parallels this. He reminded the committee that landlords consider real estate values as depreciated when occupied by Negroes. And when Davis presented documented cases of 13 attacks since Aug. 11, 1946, he declared they might be inspired by a "migration of Negroes into the Village."

Questioned by Chairman David Sher, Davis reminded the audience "Harlem is a ghetto with every sort of frustration." He thought that Negroes sought to escape from being "walled in."

Defense of landlords came from Rev. Charles Howard Graf of St. John Episcopal Church, 224 Waverly Place. He said that his church owned considerable property and "I don't think it is the owner group who object to Negroes, it's the tenants." He then cast cold water on White's opinion that the gang organized are inspired by fascist forces. "If there are fascist leaders then there are those of the other kind who take the incidents and make the most of them."

Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis and Eugene P. Connolly denounced police laxity. Davis related how at a street meeting he addressed last week-end, a gang of boys repeatedly "tried to break it up." Davis said "a Negro's life isn't worth a nickel in the Village today."

Connolly urged that the Mayor's Committee support his resolution in the City Council calling for a special racial disturbance squad. He said there are bomb, narcotic and alien squads and that the city could certainly equip and train another special division for "this very complicated situation."

Capt. Patrick J. Kirley of the Sixth Precinct represented the Police Department but would answer few questions. Everything was "being investigated."

Among the groups represented were the American Jewish Congress, the American Veterans Committee, the Lower West Side Council, the Greenwich House Association, the Jewish Community Center and several Catholic and Protestant Churches.

Near the end of the meeting a peculiar anti-Communist plea came from Bolta Torrey, a village resident. He complained that the "Communists always take the leadership in doing something about these things. Can't somebody else do something so that the Communists won't get all the credit?"

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Our Beloved
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In Memoriam

In memory of our beloved Son and Brother DR. HYMAN RUBINSTEIN, died April 30th, 1945.—Rachel, Sol and Nathalie Rubinstein.

In memory of our beloved Cousin, DR. HYMAN J. RUBINSTEIN.—Hymie, Sam and Arlene Decha, David and Rose Kava.

In memory of MIKE—died at Anzio, April 30th, 1944.—Rose and Morris.

Beloved Comrade and Cousin, WALTER HIRSCH, remembered with respect and affection, always.—Anna and Lilly.

Vote to Strike 'Camels' Plant

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 29.—Five thousand members of the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers Local 22 have voted unanimously to strike the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. tomorrow if new contract demands are not met.

Chief demand is for a 15 cents hourly raise. The workers make Camels and other products.

Edwin K. McCrea, FTA international representative declared that despite a \$9,000,000 increase in profits last year, the company offered only about 5 1/2 cents an hour raise.

Other demands include a 10-cent night differential; a company-financed health insurance plan; overtime pay after 40 hours.

The union is also fighting for union security and pledged not to retreat despite a state anti-union shop law.

Say Campbell Spurn Pact Talk

CAMDEN, N. J., April 29.—The Campbell Soup Company is "deliberately gambling with the farmers' tomato crop" in its refusal to negotiate a contract with the union representing the workers in its plants here and in Chicago and Salisbury, Md., a joint statement of farm and labor union leaders said today.

The joint statement was issued by Waldo McNutt, president of the Eastern Division of the National Farmers Union and Lewis Bentzley, Regional Director of the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union, CIO.

"The union has been trying to negotiate with the Campbell management since early February, they said. Twenty seven meetings have been held here and in Chicago. The sole answer of the Campbell's management to every union proposal has been 'no.'"

The union has had a contract with Campbell for the past seven years. During that time there were no strikes.

Franco Plugs C of C's Anti-Communist Book

MADRID, April 29 (ALN).—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce pamphlet, on labor unions, called Communist Infiltration and How to Fight It, is being plugged by the Franco-controlled Spanish radio as a model for business.

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DOOMED TO DIE of atomic poisoning within a year, she says, is Mrs. Agnes Human, 30, of Chicago. She contracted the ailment at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., project. Divorced from her husband, Mrs. Human seeks a home for her four little children who may be orphaned soon.

DAKOTA UNIONS SEEK POLL ON STATE ANTI-LABOR BILLS

By Federated Press

FARGO, N. D., April 29.—North Dakota's organized labor has voted to carry to the polls its fight against two drastic union curbs passed by the 1947 legislature. If successful, the issue will be brought to a popular vote in the June 1948 primary election.

The referendum petitions must be signed by 7,000 persons and filed with the secretary of state by June 5. Such action will suspend operation of the laws from July 1 until the election next year.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 24 (FP).—An anti-closed shop bill passed the Republican-controlled House 74 to 31 April 22 despite a statewide one-day protest stoppage by 100,000 Iowa workers the day before.

Adopted after two days of heated arguments, the bill was even more drastic than a previously approved Senate version. It was sent back to the other chamber for final action.

The bill retained the bans on the

Homes at \$5,000 in 1940 Now Cost \$9,000 to Build

MINNEAPOLIS, April 29.—A home that could have been built for \$5,000 in 1940 costs about \$9,000 to construct today, a survey by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. disclosed today. Almost half—or \$1,800 of the \$4,000 increase—has taken place within the last year, the study revealed.

Offers New Facts On Cancer Cure

WASHINGTON, April 29 (UP).—A scientist offered new evidence today in support of the theory that cancer in man may be caused by a body cell changing its characteristics.

This has been one general belief.

Another is that cancer is caused by a virus or some other foreign agent.

The new evidence, supporting the first theory, was offered by Dr. M. Demerec of the Carnegie Institution. He reported to the National Academy of Sciences on recent experiments with fruit flies, which were exposed to strong chemical compounds, principally nitrogen mustard. Mutations, or rearrangements, in the genes, were obtained. The effects were "very similar" to the genetic effects induced by radiation, Dr. Demerec pointed out.

He said the new evidence does not mean that cancer in man is hereditary, but that there are some persons who apparently inherit body cells more amenable to change.

In all, he estimated, there are about 150 chemical compounds that cause mutations.

At the academy's annual dinner tonight, the John J. Carty Gold Medal and Award for 1947 was presented to Dr. Ross G. Harrison, professor emeritus, Osborn Zoological Laboratory, Yale University, in recognition of the discovery that tissue cells may be grown outside the animal body. As a result of the discovery, medical science was given a new research tool for use in cancer work.

closed shop, union shop and dues checkoff which were part of the senate version. The House bill also provides for injunctions against violations of the bans, strengthened enforcement and made the measure effective upon enactment.

Hits Stuyvesant Rent Hike Bid

Efforts to increase the rents of Stuyvesant Town and Riverton Houses by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. were assailed yesterday by the Bronx Council on Rent and Housing.

Mrs. Helen Harris, executive secretary, called upon Borough President of the Bronx James J. Lyons to vote against the proposal when it comes before the Board of Estimate.

CIO-AFL Unity Talks Give May Day New Significance

By George Morris

May 1 is only another day on the calendar for CIO and AFL representatives due to meet tomorrow at Washington to talk of "united action" and "organic unity" of all labor's forces. But the eventual outcome of the talks may well give May Day added significance as a day of labor.

The committees of five from each labor body will come together in a quiet hotel room away from the noise of parades or rallies. But this little group has it within its power to bring about an immediate united front of 14,000,000 and a single labor federation of that strength.

This will be the first attempt at unity in seven years. Much has happened during the period. Both groups have become more powerful. But their very power and influence has spurred labor's foes to renewed efforts to smash the trade union movement.

UNITY POSSIBLE

America has been taking it practically for granted that the CIO and AFL cannot get together. But much that appeared unconceivable before the current anti-labor drive began has become a life and death necessity which even conservative leaders are forced to recognize.

As the conference prepares to meet, almost every propagandist of capitalism pronounces it as hopeless. The emphasis is put entirely on the supposedly irreconcilable personalities involved. Little stock is taken in the undercurrent of dissatisfaction among workers and the alarm developing even among layers



GREEN

MURRAY

of the leadership.

The predictions of failure are of one piece of the general anti-labor propaganda, prompted primarily by the realization that an agreement between the CIO and AFL could be a shattering blow at the prospects for drastic anti-labor legislation.

A recent example showing that even rock-ribbed AFL conservatives are giving way to pressure, was the recent radio address of George Meany.

Noting that the Republicans made the most of their campaign against "regimentation" (which the AFL's leadership went for hook line and sinker) Meany said:

"It seems strange to see leaders of a party which has been assailing regimentation for 14 long years now advocating regimentation for the 40,000,000 wage earners of the nation."

This is the same Meany who was pulling strings for a GOP orientation in the AFL. The American wage earner, Meany continued, has been told "but hesitated to believe" that the Republican "was the party of privilege of profit—the party of

Wall Street and the big corporations." But, he added bitterly as he surveyed the GOP's campaign, "we wonder if the class struggle is about to shift from the economic to the political field."

Meany was equally bitter as he described the AFL's adherence to a "non-partisan" policy which at one time gave endorsement to a man like Rep. Fred Hartley, Meany concluded significantly:

QUESTION ARISES

"In the face of the political aspects of this proposal to destroy trade unionism, the question arises as to whether or not we will be compelled by force of circumstances to revise our basic position in order to protect the future of the wage earners of our country..."

It was precisely this kind of thinking that led the CIO to set up its Political Action Committee. If AFL and CIO minds could come closer on political attitude they could accomplish much towards united action.

On problems of structure of unions, differences that brought about the split in 1935 have also been narrowed. A great section of the AFL itself is now on an industrial union basis.

Those who hope for immediate or early organic unity are bound to be disappointed. It will take much exploration before a definite proposition is even apparent. But, it is possible, as William Green suggested, that immediate joint action against the Hartley-Taft program might come up for a preliminary decision.

The study found that building materials prices had risen about 76 percent since 1940. Labor costs, it said, rose 77 percent, but under "labor costs" the survey not only listed wages but such extraneous factors as interruptions of work, bottlenecks and shortages of materials.

In the construction industry, hourly wage rates rose 32 percent for skilled workers and 62 percent for unskilled labor since 1940, but actual on-the-site costs are running as much as 80 to 100 percent above the 1940 costs, the study found. This was due, the company said, to difficulties in utilizing workers' time efficiently when the flow of building materials is interrupted by bottlenecks, work stoppages and materials shortages.

Many of the troubles in the home building field arise from monopolistic practices in the building manufacturing field. Several large corporations as well as building trades unions have been charged with violations of the anti-trust act and price-fixing by the Department of Justice.

As for work stoppages, which the insurance company claims have increased labor costs, the construction industry is known for the lowest number of strikes and stoppages in the recent period. In addition, wage increases for construction workers have been about the lowest for workers in basic industries.

Schenectady AFL Hits Solon

SCHENECTADY, April 29.—The Schenectady Federation of Labor this weekend unanimously condemned Rep. Bernard W. Kearney for his "betrayal" of labor in voting for the Hartley bill.

The resolution recalled Kearney's election promises that he would be guided by labor's position on legislation and that he would never vote "to take away the gains which labor had hitherto made."

Kearney's usefulness as a representative of the district has ended, the resolution declared. Copies were sent to state Republican leaders and to both New York senators.

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Let's Face It

A DANGEROUS IDEA

by Max Gordon

THE MOST DANGEROUS ally of the labor-hating congressional Tories who are trying to throttle the unions is the idea that a Truman veto can be depended upon to sink the anti-labor program.

Newspaper and radio commentators who are not famous for their love for labor are spreading around this idea with great fervor and gusto. Many a union leader would like to go along with this pleasant thought rather than take the trouble to bestir the membership.

The commentators are making much of the GOP tactic of offering all their anti-labor proposals in one "package," or bill, leaving it to Truman either to sign or to take the blame for laying the country open to the alleged depredations of the trade unions without any legal protection at all. The GOP view is that most voters want some law to put a check on strikes, and if Truman is responsible for blocking it, they will not like him.

PLAINLY, then the GOPers expect Truman to make a political decision when he is presented with an anti-labor bill. He will have to decide whether they are right in thinking a veto will make most people sore at him, or whether they are wrong.

The crux of the issue is the attitude of the great mass of rank-and-file unionists. The Tories maintain they are acting in the interests and in accordance with the wishes of the majority of these unionists, who are "oppressed" by their leaders.

The union leaders insist, and they are unquestionably right, that the aim of the labor-baiters is to smash the unions so Big Business can have the workers at its mercy, and that, therefore, it is the desire of the union membership to see the bills vetoed.

But it is not enough to be right. The union leaders—national and local—have to prove it to Truman. If they fail to do so, there is no guarantee of a veto.

As a matter of fact, right now no one knows the President's attitude. Even Senate Democratic Leader Alben Barkley was reported the other day trying to find out what it is. And when Rep. Celler, Brooklyn Democrat, stated in the course of House debate on

the Hartley Bill that Truman had hinted a veto, the White House denied it.

IT WOULD thus be foolhardy for any union leader to assume for a moment that a veto of a labor bill—"mild" or tough—is in the bag.

The factors that will decide will be the temper of the people and the size of the vote against whatever anti-labor measure emerges in the Senate now, and in House and Senate after the two houses iron out differences between their measures.

But even if the President does veto as a result of the pressures of the labor movement and whatever allies it can muster in support of democracy, there is still the critical problem of seeing to it that the veto is sustained.

Last week, it was noted in these columns both by Rob Hall and myself that it would be necessary to win over about 35 members of the House and 7 members of the Senate beyond those generally known to be against anti-labor legislation if a veto is to be sustained.

THIS IS not an easy job. It is an uphill battle that will require not only that the labor movement move into action its full potential strength, but that it make a decided effort to get other sections of the population, particularly the farmers and lower middle classes, into the fight.

Because their own prosperity depends on high purchasing power of labor and because they are also concerned with the maintenance of liberty, these other groups should be made to see this is their affair, too.

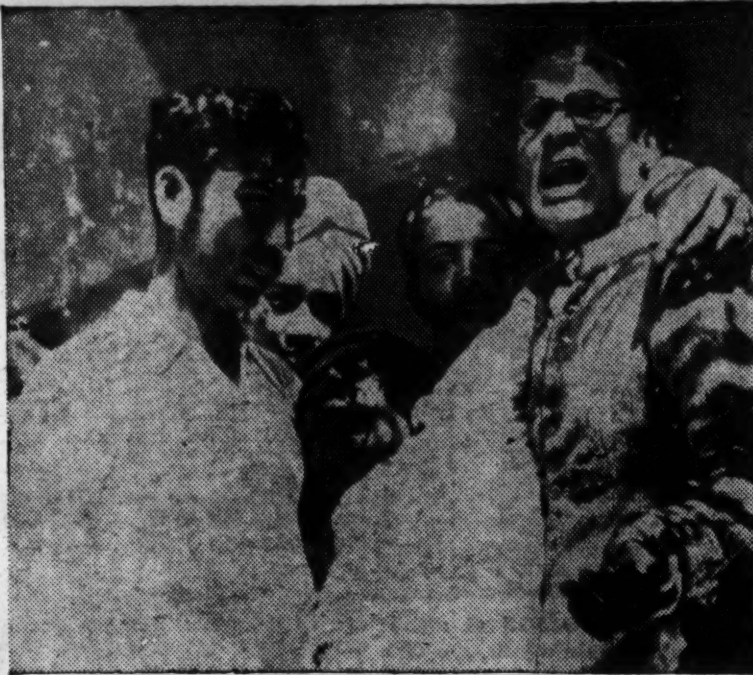
One other factor should be noted. This year, the GOP is trying to put through an omnibus bill. If it is stopped, there is nothing to prevent it from repeating the effort next year, or from breaking up its program into several bills in the hope that some will become law.

The main deterrent to further action will be the kind of movement labor can muster now. If it is powerful enough, some GOP leaders may decide their party has burnt its fingers, and will want to leave well enough alone.

(Tomorrow: The Taft argument that labor is "too strong.")



"I'M SURE ALL CONGRESSMEN ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THIS BILL."



Blood Flows Again in India: Mohd Salim, president of the Indian Students Congress Union is carried, seriously wounded, from a demonstration in the Punjab. One of his comrades shouts defiance of imperialist rule. Authorities cracked down following a huge procession in Lahore to protest the Congress government's resignation.

TAXES AND DEPRESSION

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.

THERE IS SOMETHING shameful about putting on the workers, small farmers and their families, the burden of paying for the past war when they made the greatest

sacrifices in work, suffering and blood, to win it. All during the war, those workers who didn't put on the uniform but stayed home to work in factories to produce the sinews of war, paid plenty.

Every week, the paycheck was slashed. The cut amounted to about 20 percent of all earnings above the miserable exemption (\$2,000 for a family of four.) In addition they paid sales taxes, excise taxes, and property taxes if they owned a home or a farm.

To this staggering burden, the Republican tax program would add the cost of preparation for new wars. The \$11 billion Truman included in his 1948 budget for military purposes will bear heaviest, of course, on the same low-income groups.

Such a tax program, which soaks the poor and butters up the rich is morally and ethically reprehensible.

BUT NOW that I've got that off my chest, I should add that I don't expect an appeal for justice and fairness to move the leadership of the 80th Congress to cut taxes on low-income groups. It happens, however, that from the ranks of respected tax experts has come an urgent recommendation for just such tax cuts, supported by more practical arguments.

Randolph Paul, formerly with the Treasury Department, has just published an analysis of HR 1, the GOP tax bill, which suggests that its enactment would hasten the arrival of depression. Forty percent of the tax savings, under HR 1, would go to the two million with incomes over \$5,000, he said. Sixty percent of the savings would be divided among 45 million taxpayers in the lower bracket.

Paul noted the decline in sales as demand for consumer goods has fallen. Since HR 1 would give no relief to the mass of people, it would not provide the highly necessary enlargement of purchasing power.

"In the lower income brackets the distribution of the tax burden is a grim matter of existence," Paul said. "In this area the amount of personal exemption is of utmost importance. When the existing \$500 per capita exemption was enacted, it barely covered minimum living expenses. At present price levels the value of the exemption has fallen to about

\$300, much less than the minimum living costs."

"TAXES now imposed on the lower income groups therefore take funds that ought to be spent for food, clothing, and housing."

If we are to keep the wheels of industry turning, Paul said, we must "distribute our tax burden in a way that will permit mass consumption." That's impossible, he said, if taxes drain off too much purchasing power from low incomes.

On the other hand, Paul feels that to reduce taxes on large incomes at this time would be unwise. His conclusion is evidently based on the fact that profits are now high, and funds for taxes are available among the wealthy without jeopardizing sources for investment.

In this connection, it should be recalled that profits last year were \$12,000,000,000. During the first quarter of 1947 they have continued at an annual rate of more than \$15,000,000,000. The increase in profits from 1945 to 1946 was about 35 percent after taxes.

WORKERS, meanwhile, saw their real wages decline eight percent from 1945 to 1946, primarily because of the rise in prices.

The following table shows what happened to workers' wages:

	Average dollar wages	Wages in terms of 1939 dollars
1939	\$23.86	\$23.86
1945	44.39	30.20
1946	43.75	27.87

In terms of 1939 dollars, the average weekly earnings in 1946 was \$27.86. At that wage, a worker with a wife and two children would have paid no taxes in 1939. Today he pays about \$55 a year. HR 1 would save him only \$16. What is needed is legislation to increase exemptions to at least \$3,500 for a family of four, as recommended by the CIO.

WORTH REPEATING

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, speaking of the loyalty of American Communists to their country, declared: "Loyalty and patriotism must be judged by the test to which they were put in the most bitter and costly war of our nation's history. We American Communists pass that acid test with flying colors, and no group or individual can escape its judgment. In the second World War, 15,000 American Communists took up arms. Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissel, wartime head of the U. S. Army Intelligence Corps, defended the loyalty of Communist officers before a sub-committee of the House Military Affairs Committee on March 13, 1945. He said, '... they have shown by their deeds that they are UPHOLDING the United States by force and violence.' Statement to the Un-American Committee."

— Press Roundup —

Times Blames Reds for Failure It Welcomes

THE TIMES praises Gen. Marshall's report on the Moscow Conference as "distinguished alike for its dispassionate lucidity and for its firmness. . . ." The Times agrees that the conference failed and sees Marshall's summary giving "added weight to the charge which he levels against the Russian Government that it is responsible for that failure. It is responsible because it made agreement impossible by insisting on conditions in both Germany and Austria which made inevitable not only a further drain on American resources but also a continuous economic deterioration in all Europe. . . ." The Times doesn't tell its readers just what the Russians insisted on, but adds "though Mr. Marshall refrained from saying so, it is no secret that in such a situation that the Communists put their hope for further expansion."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE joins Gen. MacArthur's jubilation over the alleged victory of reaction in the Japanese elections. "The general is especially gratified by the defeat of the Communists, who won only four seats in the election for the House of Representatives in place of the six they held in the old Diet." The Trib fails to note that the general controlled the election but does admit: "It is easy to understand why the general should be so pleased in this connection. The Reds have been a thorn in his side at all times, and some of their activities have endangered the entire American program in Japan."

THE DAILY NEWS seizes upon the visit of Mexico's President Miguel Aleman to propose setting up an anti-Communist bloc of Western Hemisphere nations. "Our joint defense program with Canada is a part of this picture. So are our military advisory missions to some South American nations, and our plans to make weapons and ammunition interchangeable in most if not all of the Western Hemisphere nations. It is also a fine idea for us to warm up to Mexico. . . ."

THE MIRROR discusses the Palestine crisis and comes pretty close to exposing the basic motive of the Truman Doctrine in the Middle East: "Every conqueror has sought to conquer Palestine."

THE POST'S anti-labor columnist, Victor Riesel, in the course of a yarn on the AFL and continental intrigue, attempts to lull labor to sleep with the promise of a certain Presidential veto of an anti-labor bill. He tells his readers "Only last month, in a private parley, President Truman promised AFL leaders David Dubinsky, George Meany and Bill Green that he would veto tough labor legislation." Therefore no need to fight the bills!

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN'S Pestbr-oops! Westbrook Pegler is back and he should of stood in bed.

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Marshall—and the Real Issue

THE smart-alecks of the commercial press and all other prophets of doom have taken a beating on the Moscow conference. The Secretary of State himself considers that some progress was made, and he quotes Premier Stalin as saying that, as far as the Soviets are concerned, a compromise agreement is possible.

But if the conference did not fail, it's also true that it did not succeed in breaking the Great-Power deadlock.

And the gist of Marshall's report is that American monopoly capital does not want to negotiate on the basis of the present relationship of forces. It hopes to use the Truman Doctrine in such a way as to force the Soviet Union to knuckle under to the American imperialist conception of a German settlement.

Sen. Vandenberg stressed this in yesterday's comment by underlining the need for speed, "the rush act." Undoubtedly, new unilateral moves are being prepared in Western Europe in the vain hope of confronting the Soviet Union with a situation in which Vandenberg thinks she will accept his terms.

Marshall blames the Soviet Union for the deadlock, but his side of the story does not tell the whole story. American monopoly capital wants to revive a strong Germany on the old political foundations.

It wants to throttle democratic France, through her need for coal, dictate to Britain, and use Germany as a counterweight to the Soviet Union and the new Eastern Europe. This is at the bottom of the refusal to give the countries which suffered most any reparations. It's at the bottom of trying to keep the Reich decentralized.

Another American Policy

But there was another American policy, before men like Vandenberg and Dulles imposed their own policy on the government. There was a Roosevelt policy, agreed-upon with the Soviet Union. When Marshall blames the Russians for all kinds of terrible things, he's really complaining about the late President Roosevelt's course, ratified by the American majority.

What does the average American want, as distinguished from the aims of those same trusts who are running our own country to crisis and chaos.

A democratic Germany means a Germany in which the basic industries are nationalized and a central government is led by the working class and other progressive forces. How else could it be? Should the same crowd that led Germany to disaster be allowed to run it again?

The average American thinks Poland and the Soviet Union should not be "dished out" of reparations. After all, they suffered most.

A peaceful Germany means a denazified one. It's no use promising fancy, 40-year treaties against the resurgence of Germany so long as the basis of German imperialism isn't wiped out.

Such a Germany can be built—but only in the framework of a fundamental understanding with the Soviet Union, and not in the framework of a deadly rivalry. Sen. Claude Pepper is right when he says Marshall's report proves the need for a wholesale, overall understanding with the USSR. And Rep. Charles Eaton, the GOP head of the House Foreign Relations Committee is un-American when he talks about "a struggle of two worlds for survival."

Not the Real Issue

That's not the issue at all. That's the language of men preparing war, not peace. Roosevelt knew there was a socialist and a capitalist world, but he worked out a program for coexistence and cooperation between them. That program was ditched. To that program we have to return.

To get a real German settlement, the road of imperialism must be blocked by an aroused America, battling for FDR's course that Henry Wallace is courageously championing.

The other way—the Truman-Marshall-Vandenberg way—can only intensify the deadlock, and do enormous damage to the world and ourselves.

The issue of Germany, like all other issues, doesn't lie between the Soviet Union and the United States. It lies between the American majority and the handful of men who have imposed an anti-Roosevelt program on America and are trying to make our people and the world pay for it.



Letters From Our Readers

Marxist Clubs

Open to All

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I wish to correct any possible misunderstandings which may have arisen as a result of an editorial appearing in the Daily Worker of April 21, which stated: "Certainly there are Communists in America's schools. We have universal education in America, and there are Communist organizations such as Marxist Clubs on many campuses which practice some measure of academic freedom."

Allow me to make absolutely clear the fact that the Karl Marx Society of Brooklyn College is in no way affiliated with the Communist Party. We are not a political organ of any group. On the contrary, our preamble states that we are "an organization of undergraduate students interested in the study and discussion of the principles and scientific socialism based upon the works of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels."

Moreover, our constitution, approved by the school authorities, makes perfectly clear that "Membership in this organization shall be open to all students at Brooklyn College upon the payment of 50 cents dues per semester, and who are interested in the purposes stated in the preamble."

While I strongly agree with the main idea expressed in the editorial concerning academic freedom, I feel that, in the interests of accurate reporting, a statement clarifying the paragraph in question should be printed by the Daily Worker.

ARTHUR GREENE, President
KARL MARX SOCIETY OF
BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Ed. Note: Attention was called to this error in a letter by Marvin Shaw, National Student Director, C. P., appearing in our April 23 issue. It was accompanied by an editor's note correcting the misstatement in the editorial mentioned above.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

THE NEXT STEP FOR LABOR

By John Williamson

THE NEWLY SIGNED contracts by CIO unions in some sections of the electrical, steel and auto industries, with their 15 cents an hour increases (inclusive of such new gains as paid holidays and call-in pay in electrical and auto) must be viewed as a positive gain for all labor. This takes on greater significance when seen in the surroundings of the anti-labor drive of monopoly capital and their agents in government.

While undoubtedly the main "pattern" has been established for this moment, this does not mean unions in every other company or industry need follow it entirely. The New York Times editorially hopes these settlements will not be viewed as an "edict to industry generally to 'go thou and do likewise.'" What the Times wants is less satisfactory or no settlement of the workers' demands. But even the Times has to admit "industry in the past 20 years has not enjoyed such prosperity... as it has enjoyed in the last quarter of 1946 and the first quarter of 1947."

It is now clear the rubber workers' settlement was not satisfactory. And with the present fabulous profits the steel industry has been making, a better settlement possibly could have been achieved there, too. Consequently in each settlement yet to be negotiated, the strength and unity of the union should be utilized to force additional concessions. Especially important is the strengthening of the grievance machinery of the unions in the shops and mills, so as to get the maximum from each agreement.

In fact, the trade unions can only guarantee these gains to the extent the new contracts are policed by a well-functioning shop steward system that will settle every grievance and utilize every punctuation point of the contract for the day-to-day benefit of the workers.

THESE WAGE concessions and new agreements do not mean a changed overall strategy of monopoly capital in relation to the working class and the trade union movement. The absence of common agreement even on such concessions is seen in the continued arrogant attitude of the A. T. & T. octopus towards the striking telephone workers. It is also seen in the attitude of Bethlehem Steel Co. and Republic Steel and various other sections of basic industry, especially maritime.

The main strategy of Big Business continues to be unfolded in the Hartley-Taft anti-labor bills, that would wipe out the trade union movement as it now exists and functions; in the fascist-like

developments toward the destruction of everything progressive in the country with a new pattern that includes attacks on the Communist Party, on the trade unions and on FDR progressives, like Henry Wallace.

This tactic of granting a small wage concession in no way changes the basic policy of hostility and aggression by monopoly capital and its reactionary agents against labor. It only reflects a recognition of the basic strength of the industrial unions and a fear of the growing consciousness of the membership of the full meaning of these reactionary attacks.

To have failed to grant any concessions and thus unleash tremendous mass strike struggles, could easily have transformed these from mere strike struggles into mighty political struggles against anti-labor legislation and everything reactionary in the country and would have speeded up the process of political realignment in the country as far as 1948 was concerned. This is especially so since it would have coincided with the renewed activity against the imperialist Truman Doctrine, being expressed through the popular voices of Henry Wallace, Senators Pepper and Taylor.

THEREFORE, while the wage increases and new agreements are a positive gain for labor and the forces of progress, this could easily be wiped out if the workers and their trade unions were to lessen their vigilance or furlough their members from the big battles that still lie ahead. The gains made should be the occasion to build greater confidence in the role of the trade unions as the backbone of the unorganized anti-fascist forces of the nation.

Labor can only retain these latest gains as well as guarantee the existence of the trade union movement if it now fights with redoubled vigor to defeat both the Hartley and Taft anti-labor bills and prevent them from being enacted into law. Now is the time to win the country for the Roosevelt-Wallace Doctrine of American-Soviet collaboration and destruction of fascism as against the Truman-Vandenberg Doctrine of imperialist domination of the world by aid to kings and fascists and the building of a new hostile front against the Soviet Union. Now is the time to smash the fascist trends in the

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Eisler Flays Un-Americans As 2,000 Cheer Story

By Olive Sutton

Gerhart Eisler took his place on the speaker's platform, and the crowd overflowing Webster Hall rose to its feet cheering this fighting German anti-fascist who has become part of the great American saga—the fight for freedom. Speaking to more than 2,000 persons at a rally called by the New Masses, Eisler flayed the House Un-American Committee for its Hitler tactics, and for its doctrine that "an anti-fascist political prisoner, arrested without warrant, and brought with guards to a hearing has to show his appreciation with a friendly grin."

Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R-Cal), Eisler said, objected because he did not show gratitude as a political refugee from Europe.

With wry humor he commented: "If this is a new doctrine in this country, then you should undo the whole American revolution, for Washington and the American colonists did not give to their British oppressors a grateful and sweet smile. They gave them the hearty smile of battle, of steadfastness and contempt."

Like Hitler, he declared, the House Un-American Committee tries to say that he who holds it in contempt holds the American people and their institutions in contempt.

"How could I have contempt," he asked, "for the heroic American soldiers and sailors who helped to liberate my country from the Hitler pestilence... for those many decent Americans who are fighting for progress and peace like the great American, Henry Wallace is doing... for such courageous Americans like William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis, Robert Thompson, hero of two freedom wars, and many others of their kind who are swimming against the dirty flood of lies, slander, and persecution but are not giving up their historic task to unite the people in the fight against all forms of reaction, bigotry, backwardness, exploitation and war mongering?"

Eisler said he had learned from experience that anti-fascist exiles must "go through a lot of trouble" when the political line of the country changes to reaction and war-mongering.

"All too often," he said, "our existence was used to mask the true intention of reaction, and to divert the intention of the people from their main and real problem."

"I myself," he said, "have to go back to Germany. I have a job to do in Germany."

It is not to build the kind of
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WHAT'S ON

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Newark

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Philadelphia, Pa.

MAY Day Parade and rally. Howard Fast, and other Labor speakers, entertainment galore. The Met., Broad and Poplar, Friday, May 2d, 8 p.m. Admission 35c. Join the Defend Labor May Day Parade. Assemble on Girard Ave. at 6th Street, at 7 p.m., Friday. Everyone march together to rally at Met. Auspices, Philadelphia May Day Committee.

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BUILDING The Communist Party

By RECRUITER

ONE of the most eloquent voices ever raised on behalf of the Communist Party belonged to the great lawyer, Clarence Darrow. During the red scare of 1920, Darrow defended 20 Communists on trial for their beliefs. His brilliant plea to the jury is an inspiration for joining the Communist Party, for building the Communist Party. Following are excerpts from his speech:

This hue and cry of today is moved and instigated by a gang of profiteers who would strangle freedom that they might get rich; who would traffic in the blood of men; who have determined that in this country no voice of criticism shall be raised against them.

You are really asked to make America the home of the tyrant, the informer and usurer, who is willing to trample laws and constitutions under his feet, that he may plunder undisturbed.

You... owe whatever you have and whatever you hope for to those brave rebels who dared to think and dared to speak and dared to act.

I know that the present system (capitalism) does not work. I know that it makes men greedy and selfish and mean. I know it stifles every good motive in man. I know that under the present system no one on earth can be as good as he would be. I know that capitalism does not work and never can work.

None of these devout lovers of the capitalist state, all of whom are sure they are going to heaven—not one of them would want to go to heaven if it was run on the same scheme as the earth.

Not one of them that believes that this system could live anywhere except upon the earth. My clients believe that a system fit for heaven is fit for earth. Their principles were formed by all the ages. They did not make them. Karl Marx voiced them better than anyone else.

Today it is these 20. Tomorrow it will be somebody else. You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free. The same thing that would get me may be used to get you....

I urge you to stand for the right of men to think; for the right to speak boldly and unafraid; the right to be master of their souls; the right to live free and die free.

There is no other cause that is so much worth while. There is no other sentiment or emotion that ever moved the human soul as priceless as this.

NEXT STEP FOR LABOR

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United States as expressed in the attacks upon the Communists and in the cancellation of speaking engagements by such great Americans as Henry Wallace and Paul Robeson.

It is obvious the wage gains only partially meet the rise in the cost of living since the wage gains and price increases of a year ago. This demands that, in addition to fighting for salary increases for white collar workers, government employees and others, the labor movement should take the lead in organizing a broad people's movement to bring down prices. This can not be done by merely such appeals to Big Business as are made by President Truman. It can be done by an organized consumer movement and by demanding government action and legislation to force down prices.

THERE IS also an attempt being made by Big Business circles to blame the farmers for the rise in the cost of living. The labor movement should place the responsibility where it belongs on the big trusts including the food trusts. The workers should strive for an alliance with the working farmers to assure protection for them through a program of subsidies where necessary, to go not to the billionaire food trusts, but to the farmers directly.

Greater attention should also be given to the fight for a people's

tax program and for amending the Social Security Act to assure coverage of all wage and salaried workers and to bring payments up to present price levels. The workers have their deductions made on the basis of the present dollar values. But they get payments on the basis of the dollar value of a decade ago.

Two things show the growth of understanding of the American labor movement. First is the characterization by CIO president Philip Murray that "the enactment of this contemplated anti-labor legislation is the first real step towards the development of fascism in the USA."

Secondly, is the meeting of the AFL and CIO committees on historic May Day to consider united labor action against anti-labor legislation as well as the bigger and more urgent point on labor's agenda—organic unity.

The eyes of all labor will follow intently these deliberations. The feelings of CIO, AFL and telephone workers was well expressed in the message to Presidents Murray and Green, adopted at the New York demonstration against the Hartley-Taft Bills, which declared in part: "We solemnly pray and anxiously hope that the meetings now arranged between the officers of the AFL and CIO will... hasten the day when America's working people will enjoy the protection and benefit of one unified, larger and mightier labor movement."

A Runaway Revenue Office

The 2,900 Negro workers who have fought to maintain their jobs in the Bronx office of Division of Internal Revenue, are now threatened with a "runaway office" In Monday's Washington Post, Jerry Klutch carried a "dope item" predicting the transfer of the office to Missouri.

The United Public Workers (CIO) alerted its New York offices, and a check revealed workers in the Bronx office had been asked whether they would accept jobs in Kansas City.

An I. R. worker quipped after being asked about moving to Missouri: "It seems the administration is killing two birds with one stone—build the jobs in Truman's domain and add another couple of thousand

Negroes to the ranks of the unemployed."

John Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, who had been prodded on the Bronx situation, is also a Missourian.

Fur Union Wins

Fromm Bros. Strike

A 20-month long strike of employees of Fromm Brothers was settled yesterday, the new contract covering both the fur firm's factory at 275 Seventh Avenue and its Merrill, Wis. plant.

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Featured Programs

MORNING
11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson
• WNBC-Fred Waring Show
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
WCB-Arthur Godfrey
WQXR-News; Other People's Business-Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
WOR-Kate Smith Serenade
WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
WCB-Grand Slam, Musical Quiz
WQXR-Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
WOR-Talk-Victor Lindlahr
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
WCB-Rosemarie-Sketch
AFTERNOON
12:00-WNBC-News Reports
WOR-Home Edition-News
WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
WCB-News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WABC-Metropolitan News
WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
WCB-Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNeill
WOR-News; So This Is Love
WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
WCB-Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC-Post Parade-Show Tunes
WCB-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Better Half Matinee
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News
WCB-Big Sister-Sketch
• WQXR-News; Middy Symphony
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
WCB-Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR-Latest Here, Ladies
WCB-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
WJZ-Galen Drake
1:45-WNBC-Gov. Dwight Green of Illinois
WOR-The Answer Man
WCB-Road of Life-Sketch
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Kiernan's Corner
WCB-Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR-News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
WCB-Perry Mason-Sketch
2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Bride and Groom
WCB-Lone Journey-Sketch
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch
WCB-Rose of My Dreams
WQXR-Musical Memory Game
WJZ-Ladies Be Seated
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR-Maria Deane Program
WCB-Bouquet for You
WQXR-News; Opera House
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young's Family
WOR-Rambling With Gambling
WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk
WCB-Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
WJZ-Studio Tour
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife
WOR-Ask Dr. Toby
WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show
WCB-House Party
• WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
4:25-WCB-News Reports
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch
WOR-Barry Gray Show
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
WCB-Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown
WOR-Adventure Parade
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WCB-School of the Air
WQXR-News; Today in Music
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
• WOR-Superman-Sketch
WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
WOR-Captain Midnight
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WCB-Treasure Bandstand
WQXR-Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell
WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
EVENING
6:00-WCB-Eric Sevareid-News
WHN-Ted Husing's Bandstand
WJZ-News; Joe Hasel, Sports
WMCA-News; Miniature Revue, Music
WCB-Kenneth Banghart, News
WOR-George Putnam, News
6:15-WCB-Report to American People, by Henry Wallace
Forum
WJZ-Ethel and Albert, Play
WMCA-Mr. Hollywood; Music
WCB-Serenade to America
WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
6:25-WQXR-New York News
6:30-WCB-Red Barber, Sports
WJZ-Allen Prescott, Comments
WMCA-Racing Results
WOR-Vandeventer, News
WQXR-Dinner Concert
6:40-WNBC-Bill Stern
6:45-WCB-Robert Trout, News
WHN-Adrienne Ames, B'way News
WJZ-The Fitzgeralds, Chatter
WCB-Lowell Thomas, News
WOR-Stan Lomax
7:00-WBN-G. H. Combs, News
• WCB-Mystery of the Week, Play
WJZ-Headline Edition
WMCA-News; Hollywood Harmonies
WCB-Chesterfield Supper Club
WOR-Fulton Lewis, News
WQXR-News; Concert Stage
7:15-WCB-Jack Smith, Songs
WHN-Sports Final
WJZ-Elmer Davis
WCB-World News
WOR-Answer Man
7:30-WJZ-Lone Ranger, Play
WCB-Elly Queen, Mystery
• WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh, Comments
WCB-Blue Barron Orchestra
WOR-Strange As It Seems
7:45-WMCA-Musical Playhouse
WBN-H. V. Kaltenborn, Comments
WJZ-Jeff Clark, News
WOR-Bill Brandt, Sports
8:00-WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
• WCB-Jack Carson, Comedy
WMCA-News; Report on UN
WCB-Dennis Day, Comedy
WOR-Can You Top This? Comedy
• WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ-Bobby Doyle Show
8:30-WCB-Dr. Christian, Play
WHN-Bunkhouse Jamboree, Music
WJZ-Court of Missing Heirs
WMCA-Music That Lives
WCB-Great Gildersleeve, Comedy
WOR-To Be Announced

8:55-WCB-Bill Henry, News
9:00-WMCA-News; Concert on the Mall
• WJZ-Paul Whiteman Show
WCB-Frank Sinatra Songs
WCB-Duffy's Tavern, Comedy
WNEW-Pleasure Parade
WOR-Gabriel Heatter, News
WQXR-News; Concert Hall
9:15-WNEW-American Theatre Wing
WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WJZ-Beulah Program
WCB-Dinah Shore, Music Variety
• WMCA-Leland Stowe, UE Union Commentator
• WNBC-Mr. District Attorney
WOR-Let's Go to the Movies
WQXR-Designs in Harmony, Music
9:45-WQXR-Great Names, Records
10:00-WMCA-News; Footlight Revue
WCB-The Whistler, Sketch
• WJZ-Bing Crosby, Variety
WNBC-The Big Story-Play
WOR-Did Justice Triumph?
WQXR-Opera Preview
10:30-WMCA-News
• WCB-Information Please, Quiz
WJZ-Henry Morgan, Comedy
WNBC-Kay Kyser, Music Quiz
• WOR-Symphonette
WQXR-Just Music
• WAAT (Newark, 970 Kc.)-N. J. State Comm. of the Communist Party
10:45-WMCA-Music By Americans
11:00-WCB, WNBC, WJZ, WOR-News
11:30-WOR-News

Station WNYC

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• 9:00-Masterwork Hour. Glazounoff Birthday Program. "Overture on Greek Themes"
9:55-News Summary
10:00-Department of Health. Speaker: Helen Cooper
10:15-"News of the New World," with Students of City Schools
10:30-"Service to the Fore"-Ann Erekson. Guest: Mrs. Paul Kammerer. National Chairman of Girl Scouts, speaks in behalf of Catholic Charities
10:45-Health Department. Nutrition News with Margaret Connor
10:55-News Summary
11:00-"At Your Command"
11:30-BBC Radio Newsreel
11:45-Music Time (RX)
11:55-News Summary
12:00-Midday Symphony. "Carnival Overture," by Glazounoff
12:55-News Summary
1:00-Missing Persons Alarms
1:05-City News Summary
1:15-Classics in Jazz. Jack Lazare
1:55-News Summary
2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report
2:05-"Drama Time," with Students of East New York
2:30-Symphonic Matinee. "Rhapsodie Espagnol," by Ravel
3:55-News Summary
4:00-Four Strings at Four. "Quartet,

Opus 18, No. 1," by Beethoven
4:55-News Summary
5:00-Music for Young People
5:30-Songs at Eventide. Robert Birch, Baritone. "The Dew is Heavy on the Grass," by Robert Birch
5:45-Music Time (RX)
5:55-News Summary
6:00-Behind the Scenes in Music. Leon Barzin conducts. Rehearsal of the National Orchestral Association. Music of Guatemala
6:45-Official U. S. Weather Report. USES "Help Want As! Column of the Air"
6:55-News Summary
7:00-Masterwork Hour. Glazounoff Birthday Program. "Overture on Greek Themes"
7:55-News Summary
8:00-"Beyond Victory." "World Trade

and World Peace." Speakers: Mr. Philip D. Reed interviewed by Mr. Walter S. Lemmon
8:15-"Straight Facts for Veterans"-Official Veterans' Administration Series
8:30-"Whose Business is Social Welfare?" Subject of Brooklyn College Faculty. Moderator: Prof. Herbert Strony, of Brooklyn College Faculty
9:00-Beethoven Sonata Series. S. Sopkin, Violinist; J. Courtland, Pianist.
9:30-Mu Phi Epsilon Musicales
9:55-News Summary
10:00-FM ONLY. The City Hour. Music and Public Service Announcements
10:55-FM ONLY. Final News Summary and Sign-off

Eisler Flays Un-Americans

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Germany that the Dorothy Thompsons and the Herbert Hoovers would have that he must go back, Eisler emphasized.
"I simply have to go home as quick as possible to help to build another Germany, different from the Germany that permitted all

these crimes."
Over \$1,200 was raised in cash and pledges launching a campaign for \$65,000 for the New Masses. Other speakers included novelist Howard Fast, Harry F. Ward, Councilman Pete Cacchione, novelist Shirley Graham, playwright Arnaud d'Usseau, and Max Weber.

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In this corner

Paen to Baseball's
'Wire Man'

By Bill Mardo

I HAVE HERE a poem which must surely serve as the nightly prayer for all Flatbush fans. The Dodger loyal who sent it in prefers to be known as "Fan-With-a-Fractured-Heart" and before we let him take over this space we'd like to preface his rhyme-ditty with this observation.

Pete Reiser is, in our estimation, the greatest outfielder in the business today. Not yesterday, when he would have had to run a close second to the youthful Joe DiMaggio—but right now there's no-one around who can do all of things Reiser does, and do it as well. If Pete was just a notch behind DiMaggio at his best, there's a coincidental justice in that we'd place Joe's bespectacled kid brother, Dom, just a wee bit behind Reiser in the current ratings. As a matter of pathetic fact, there is one thing Dominick does better than Reiser—and that is the art of NOT leading with his skull against a concrete wall season in and season out.

Reiser is the most wired-up man in baseball by dint of his chronic clashes with the outfield fence. He is to baseball what Reggie McNamara, the Old Iron Man, used to be to the six-day bike races. If anything, McNamara spent more time in the hospital due to professional accidents than has Brooklyn's big gun.

And so, with the knowledge that Brooklyn can possibly cop a pennant this year if only they have Reiser's services for the entire season, "Fan-With-a-Fractured-Heart" contributes this poem to which we, and all other Dodger partisans add a hopeful Amen.

Our Pete scoffs at solid walls,
He thinks they're made of paper.
And when not walls, it's fancy fails
As caper follows caper.
We don't deny his civil right
To treat walls cavalierly,
And we confess it's quite a sight
To see ball played sincerely.
But does he think of Brooklyn's heart,
Which gives him its preference?
It's more than bones that come apart
When Pete courts interment.
So Pete PLEASE be circumspect!
You're headed Dreadful Fateward.
A wall by bones cannot be wrecked;
Still run—but open gateward!

Ed Sullivan, Please Note

AND WHILE we're at the mailbox, here's something that doesn't rhyme but also has to do with another Dodger:

"Dear Bill:

"This is in no way a defense of Ed Sullivan but facts are facts. My wife and I were at the Polo Grounds last Friday when Jackie Robinson hit his homerun. I believe it was obvious to everyone around us, and at the time I remarked to my wife, that not one Dodger in the dugout got up to greet or congratulate Robbie after his trip around the bases.

"I do think that we are doing Robbie a disservice if we over-emphasize the cooperation he is getting, or the encouragement he is receiving from his teammates. I am sure that Robbie will win over the Dodgers just as he has already won over the fans of New York. Even ardent Giant fans root for Robbie everytime he comes to bat.

"Here's for a bigger DW sports section.

"JEROME BALTER."

It's hard for me to agree with the reader that reporting the normal comradery between Robinson and his teammates does him a disservice. And neither is it "over-emphasis." If anything, the over-emphasizing has been done all in the wrong direction—if you'll recall those gloomy reports from Havana last month declaring the bulk of the Dodgers opposed to Robinson's coming up. This writer took those baleful stories with a grain of salt, knowing where they came from, and also knowing that there WAS a small, very small minority on the club who were prejudiced against Jackie. By now it's no secret that the vast majority of Dodgers are all for Robbie and this is apparent not by any obvious gushiness, but by the completely normal manner in which one ballplayer shows respect and friendliness for another. By the tips about his new job that Jackie constantly gets from his veteran teammates, by the entirely unaffected normal by-play in the dugout and dressing room, by the regular chatter on the ballfield during the game in which Robinson comes in for his share of "C'mon Jackie... pick a good one..." etc.

When a prominent Broadway columnist distorts these simple facts and places the emphasis all the other way, it's our job to call him on it.

One final note. If Ed Sullivan will look at the back page of his own paper, dated April 19, he'll see a big photo of Jackie Robinson getting a handshake from Tom Tatum as he crossed home-plate after his circuit clout.

That's all, brother.

Dodgers Explode in 8th to Rip Cubs 10-6; 6th Straight

Walker's Base Clearing Double Big Blow; Cub Rally Fails

The opportunistic Dodgers made the most of the breaks against the Chicago Cubs yesterday to run their string of victories to six in an odd game at Ebbets Field in which most of the scoring was done in the last two half innings. Again it was Dixie Walker who sewed up the contest with a base-clearing double.

The score, 10-6, bore little relation to what had happened in the preceding seven innings. The Dodgers eked out three runs by the time the big scoring really got underway. Johnny Jorgensen tapped Cub starter Hank Wyse for a double in the third, scoring on Joe Hatten's solid single to right. Eddie Stanky walked in the fifth, Jackie Robinson hit to Peanuts Lowrey whose throw sailed into the stands, Stanky pulling up at third and Jackie at second. Reiser then grounded to Cavaretta, stalling on the basepath long enough for Stanky to score. Robinson worried Wyse so much with his antics off third base that he pitched another basehit to Walker for another run.

Hatten had given only four hits when pinch-hitter Mickey Livingston doubled off the rightfield wall in the eighth. Another pinchhitter, Henry Schenz, worked a pass. Phil Cavaretta then bounced a long



No. 2 for Furillo

Giants Push Cards Into Cellar, 7-2

By Lester Rodney

The world champion St. Louis Cardinals came to town yesterday and looked like anything but that to 12,784 fans at the Polo Grounds as they dropped a one sided 7-2 game to the Giants to take full possession of the National League cellar.

Mel Ott put a radically revamped team on the field which put on a sparkling performance behind young Monte Kennedy, making the Cards look lackluster in comparison. Buddy Kerr, over the eye trouble, went to shortstop. Bud Blattner took over 2nd, Johnny Rigney shifted to 3rd, Sid Gordon went into left field, and Bob Thomson, lone rookie surviving the shakeup, moved to centre field.

A mammoth 430 foot home run by big Johnny Mike with two on in the 3rd finished the Card ace, Howie Pollet and just about sewed up the ball game. It was big John's 7th, a terrific pace.

The Polo Grounders had taken a 2-0 lead in the first off Pollet, who seemed to have little. Bespectacled Rigney belted a double to left in this frame and came across when Thomson pushed a slow curve into center for a single. Mike grounded out, advancing Thomson, and Cooper bounced a single through short which Pee-wee Reese would have gobbled up costing a second run.

Mr. Shortstop Marion was definitely not on yesterday—nor was

Mr. Batting Average Musial able to buy a hit.

The next batch of Giant runs came in the 7th after two walks when Thomson belted a triple to deep center off relief pitcher Staley, 3rd of 5 Card hurlers.

Kennedy looked good scattering 7 hits and Rigney sparked at 3rd. Sid Gordon turned in two nice running catches in left. But Walker Cooper, the \$150,000 Bredon beauty, continued to look sluggish.

Bill Velselle will try to make it two in a row today against the faded champs, who now trail the Dodgers by six full games and will have to start hustling soon. George Munger will go for the Cards.

YANKS RAINED OUT

The Yanks were rained out in St. Louis yesterday. Washington at Chicago met a similar fate. In Cleveland the A's knocked off the second place Indians 4-1.

In the National the Pirates opened their Western trip auspiciously with a 6-2 win over the Phils, and the Braves went over the 500 mark with a 4-0 win over the Reds.

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double to left, scoring two runs

Jorgenson's second double came with one out in the eighth, and was made off Paul Erickson. The Cub twirler passed Reese intentionally. Hugh Casey, who relieved Hatten after Cavaretta's double, advanced the runner with a sacrifice. Stanky slapped a double to right scoring Jorgenson and Reese. Erickson then lost control, hitting Robinson and walking Reiser. Dixie Walker then placed a sinking double into unguarded leftfield, clearing the bases. A moment later Carl Furillo pounded a long homerun into the leftfield stands.

Casey tried to save his arm behind a safe lead in the Cubs' ninth. He sandwiched walks to Bill Nicholson and Len Merullo, around an infield out. Reese fumbled Livingston's grounder, threw wild and Nicholson scored. Hughie then tossed a homerun ball to Lowrey to give the Cubs four tallies for the inning.

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Rough? Milwaukee was never like this! They don't give the new guys much to hit at up here. Look at the pitchin' this spring—Bob Feller and Hal Gregg already pitched one-hitters and Feller had a three-hitter to boot. Allie Reynolds of the Yankees, Tex Hughson of the Red Sox and even old Thornton Lee of the White Sox came up with two-hitters.

Boy, if we could just play those Giants every day in the week! They gave up 103 hits in the first nine games—that's better'n 11 per game.

Even a rookie could fatten up against them.

Lot of the new boys are havin' trouble. The Yankees already benched Yogi Berra. First Bucky Harris decided the Yogi couldn't hit left-hand pitchin', then right-hand pitchin' so he'll get a free ride on the bench for awhile. And him with such a good start.

The Giants gave up on Clint Hartung for awhile because Mel Ott has decided Clint has a bad weakness. He can't handle a thrown ball. I don't mean a pitched ball,

either. He was hittin' okay, up around .276, anyway, but he can't catch a ball his outfield buddies peg at him. Dropped two relay throws out there and Ott like to died.

Jerry White of the St. Louis Browns couldn't buy a base hit for a long time with that big reputation he made at Toledo, but I guess he's got a couple, or three by now. He was .043 when they put out the first official averages with 1 for 29 at bats. After he hit 46 homers at Toledo, Muddy Ruel figured he was the boy at first base.

Remember George Vico who was trained with the Tigers this spring? Steve O'Neill said he'd rise or fall with Vico on first for Detroit but George has gone back to the minors already. Vic Wertz got a nice break for himself when Dick Wakefield pulled up with a bad leg but with a temporary outfield job Vic hit only .211.

There's others having it tough, too—like Sam Mele of the Red Sox, Jack Lohrke and Bill Ayers of the Giants, Eddie Krautt of Cincinnati, Les Moss of the Browns and Eddie Robinson of Cleveland.

FILMS — BOOKS — THE ARTS

Paul Robeson
Lashes Witch-Hunters

By Paul Robeson

I want to tell you first about what happened in Peoria, Illinois. Peoria is a clear example of fascism at work in America. Peoria is a clear case of the Communist bogey being used to break the back of the whole liberal movement in our country.

Because I was listed along with a thousand other liberal people by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as one who was "invariably found supporting the Communist Party and its front organizations," the Peoria City Council, under pressure from the reaction-

Excerpts from speech
by Paul Robeson at Rally
of Council on African Af-
fairs last Friday.



PAUL ROBESON

ary forces who had been waging a long war against railroad strikers there, went on record barring me from making any public appearance in that city.

To enforce their edict, the whole city was subject to terroristic control. The whole CIO was immobilized. The Negro community was intimidated. Progressive people in general were fearful of lifting a finger to enable me to appear before an audience anywhere in the city.

The City Hall was illuminated with floodlights that night and armed police were thick around the place. The atmosphere was tense as though in anticipation of a lynching. I escaped from Peoria only because my departure was a carefully guarded secret.

HEART OF ISSUE

All this, it should be remembered, resulted from the witch-hunting activities of the Un-American Committee. If Peoria officials could bar me on the basis of what the Rankin Committee said about me, they could also bar Henry Wallace, Orson Welles, Senator Pepper, General Evans Carlson, former Ambassador Davies and hundreds of others who, by virtue of supporting one organization or another, have been declared un-American by the Un-American Committee.

If this can happen in Peoria, it may also happen in Albany and in other cities, and not simply to Paul Robeson but to any American who believes in democracy and says so fearlessly.

This is the heart of the issue. Whether I am or am not a Communist or Communist sympathizer is irrelevant. The question is whether American citizens, regardless of their political beliefs or sympathies, may enjoy their constitutional rights.

If the government is sincerely concerned about saving America from subversive forces, let our officials from the President on down, stop worrying about the Communists whom they suspect of subversive activities and start doing something about the fascists who are openly parading their disdain of civil rights and democratic procedures here in America today.

It is the responsibility of everyone who believes in democracy to speak out against the persecution of those who are truly the patriots of America. The Un-American Committee and the powerful forces of

reaction standing behind that group and behind the Congressional drive against labor and the Communists must be exposed. As long as those forces continue their dirty work, no one of us is safe.

I think it must be clear to all of us why at this particular time we have this wave of reaction stronger than in any other period of our history threatening the liberties of the American people. The suppression of labor and liberals is the first and essential step of any government bent upon a career of fascism and imperialism. This we know from what we saw only so recently in Spain and Germany, in Italy, Japan and other countries.

The liberation of colonial peoples in Africa and Asia and the achievement of democratic nationhood by the long oppressed peoples in both hemispheres of the world cannot be accomplished if we, the people of America, permit the schemes of the American Century crowd, the Henry Luces, to be carried through.

Our answer to all these schemes must be as Henry Wallace so ably put it: "Millions to feed the hungry! Not one cent to arm tyranny!" "No imperialist adventures! Support the United Nations!"

Yes, you will be called subversive agents of Moscow as Mr. Henry Wallace was if you take a fearless stand on the right side. But if the only alternative to being a supporter of the Luce-Truman doctrine of world domination is to be labelled a "red," then I for one welcome that label, and I will consider myself in pretty good company along with the peoples all over the world who are trying to create something new and worthwhile in human society.

Let us not be on the defensive. This is the time to take the offensive. Let us not isolate ourselves by fighting alone for those things which each group regards as important to itself.

I appeal to labor, to professionals, to Negroes, Jews and people of every race, faith and nationality, to close ranks and join together in the fight for the one big thing without which nothing else can be won.

Hearst 'Crusader' for Clean Books; Wallows in Smut

By Howard Fast

The case of John Lester Mee swept Leo "the Lip" off page one, and that was to be expected, such are the vagaries of fame in this America of ours; and even the Truman Doctrine took a momentary back seat, for how often does an exotic dancer shoot a rich young man on his very own yacht?

A good deal might be said about this current manifestation of sickness, following as it does hard upon the heels of the great manhunt for Langley Collyer; but while I am not insensitive to esoteric mayhem, I find myself completely fascinated by the reaction of a great institution to this miserable and sordid piece of business.

I refer, of course, to the Hearst press, which publishes such family organs as the Journal-American and the Daily Mirror, and which has consistently presented itself as a shining defender of American institutions in general and Christianity in particular. In order to establish its stewardship of the gentle teachings of Christ firmly in the public mind, the Journal-American takes each day a text for its presentation of the news. And on Tuesday, April 22, the text was from the splendid 27th Psalm:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"

Whereupon, the sanctuary blessed, the presses rolled, and another day's Journal-American

went forth to do its good work, featuring on Page One the intimate, confidential, not to say titillating details of Lorraine DeWood's passionate romance with the murdered man. Permit me to quote from the Defender of Christian Civilization:

"The writings found in the effects of John Lester Mee, shot to death on his yacht off Havana by exotic dancer Patricia Schmidt, have revealed the many loves in the life of the former PT boat commander. Among them was the lush nightclub singer Lorraine DeWood, who today in the N. Y. Journal-American exclusively reveals details of her passionate romance with Mee."

Now far be it from me to decry romance. A man is not a stick of wood, as the old folk saying has it, and I have been in one or two back rooms myself, and I have even read Frank Harris. But there is a time and place for everything.

And believe me I quoted only one paragraph from four or five pages; when Willie Hearst does something, he does it in style, and a page of "exotic" pictures, known vulgarly as "cheesecake" finishes the job for any backward readers unfamiliar with such complicated words as sex, lush, ravishing, etc., etc.

Now, this is the same Willie Hearst who launched the great crusade for clean literature. This is the same Willie Hearst who ranted about the classics being Communist weapons intended to deprave young minds. This is the same Willie Hearst who screamed that Citizen Tom Paine, of the "purple passages" was not fit for the delicate moral sense of minors.

Is this a straw man? Is it enough to say that everyone knows that Willie Hearst is a dirty old man, that his press is a cesspool of filth and horror, and that the obscenities he purveys have invaded American homes for decades?

I think not. The lie must be fought and fought again—until millions and millions comprehend the full purpose of Willie and his chums. He purveys filth because fascism is filthy. He spells indecency because fascism is indecent.

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"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

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By Harry Raymond

Sir Alexander Korda, of United Artists, pleaded with Charles Chaplin to do a satirical film on Adolf Hitler in 1937, a year before Konrad Bercovici claims he presented the comedian with a basic outline for *The Great Dictator*. The English film distributor's story was offered by Chaplin in Federal Court yesterday as evidence in the trial of the multi-million dollar "piracy" suit by Bercovici.

"In 1937 Chaplin told me he was doing a story with a lot of children in it," said Sir Alexander's testimony.

"I told him he should do a story of great significance. I told him he should drop everything he was doing and do something to make Hitler look ridiculous and hold him up to scorn."

WAS PRESENT

Tim Durant, a former associate in Chaplin film productions, testified he was present during the Korda-Chaplin conversation.

READS STORIES

Louis Frohlich, Chaplin's attorney, read news stories to the jury from Chaplin's scrapbook claiming that the Nazis barred the comedian's films from Germany because "Chaplin's comic mustache was too much like Hitler's to be shown on the German stage."

Allen J. Miller, secretary treasurer of the Zeppo Marx movie writers agency, and Stanley Bergerman, also a writer's agent, offered depositions for the defense, stating they were sole agents for Bercovici in Hollywood but were never offered any outline or script by the writer dealing with a story similar to *The Great Dictator*.

Paulette Goddard, Chaplin's former wife, also testified by deposition denying ever hearing Bercovici discuss an outline for *The Great Dictator* with Chaplin.

Bercovici is claiming 15 percent of the gross income of the picture. Chaplin is to appear this morning as witness in his own behalf.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM THE MAY DAY COMMITTEE TO ACT IN DRAMATIZATIONS. People interested please go to the Dome, 430 Sixth Avenue at 9:30 tonight (Wednesday).



PERCHED on the window ledge of his home in Chicago, with a rifle in his hand, is Sam Fanelli, 24, who shot himself in the stomach and then threatened to jump if anyone came near. Police and firemen stole up from an adjoining stairway and yanked Fanelli to safety with a pike pole.

Dems Rap Rent Control Bill

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Two Democrats lashed out at the Wolcott bill, HR 3203, because it weakens enforcement of rent control, allows a 15 percent rent hike and chips away at other tenant protections.

Debate on the measure starts tomorrow.

Signed by Reps. O'Toole (NY) and Buchanan (Pa), the minority report from the House Banking and Currency Committee is accompanied by another four-man statement attacking the bill's destruction of the

Veterans Emergency Housing Act. This is primarily concerned with remaining housing controls, which limit commercial and non-essential construction.

The reports appeared as the Rules Committee voted to bring up the measure for debate tomorrow, allowing four hours of general discussion. One hour debate will precede adoption of the committee's recommendation. Although a final vote may come on the bill late Wednesday it is expected the measure will not be disposed of until Thursday afternoon.

Fight GM Reprisal for Stoppage

DETROIT, April 29.—All-out support for workers fired or penalized by General Motors for participating in last Thursday's demonstration was announced today by the International Executive Board of the

United Automobile Workers. GM had fired and disciplined more than 100 workers who took part in the stoppage.

The top policy committee of the UAW is seeking a conference with C. E. Wilson, GM president.

Ask Police Get Unionist's Slayer

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Trade union co-workers of James E. Harris, business agent of the United Cafeteria Workers Local 471, who was found murdered yesterday, are demanding police act promptly to apprehend the guilty person or persons.

Harris, prominent leader in union and Negro affairs, was found in bed at his home about 9:30 yesterday morning, his head crushed and his body a mass of knife wounds.

Thomas A. O'Donnell, owner of a restaurant whose employees are on

strike under the leadership of the Cafeteria Workers-Union, today offered \$500 reward for the solution of the crime. Harris had been active on the picket line at O'Donnell's and in other places of the strike leadership. Strikers had been threatened with violence, according to union leaders.

Mrs. Harris told police she found the body in their first-floor apartment after having been gone only about 30 minutes. Police said he had evidently been attacked while asleep.

OK Bill Crippling Pay-Hours Law

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Senate-House conferees today approved a slightly modified bill aimed at crippling the Wages-Hour Act under the excuse of outlawing "portal-

to-portal" suits. The bill now goes back to both Houses of Congress for passage in its final form as approved by the conferees.

Harlem Fire Evicts 20

Flames roared through a five-story Harlem tenement, 448 Lenox Avenue and left 20 families homeless. Only injury was to a fireman who was overcome by smoke. The house was an old-law tenement.

The United Tenants and Consumers Organization is calling a meeting tonight at Solidarity House, 124 W. 124 St., to discuss the plight of the victims.

Mine Talks Broken Up by Coal Operators

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Southern Coal Producers Association announced today it will not participate in the industry-wide bargaining demanded by the AFL United Mine Workers.

That brusque announcement broke up a union-management conference the government had convened only a few hours earlier in the hope of winning a prolonged peace in the soft coal fields after they pass back from federal to private operation July 1.

Detroit Building Strike Set for May Day

DETROIT, April 29.—Twenty-five thousand AFL Building Trades workers of this area are set to strike May 1 for wage raises ranging from 25 to 42½ cents an hour.

Senate to Vote on Splitting Slave Bill

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Senate agreed today to vote tomorrow afternoon on a proposal to split up the Republican "slave" labor control plan into four separate bills.

The suggestion, advanced by Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore), is opposed by GOP leaders.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla), today denounced the slave measures as "the most all-out and vicious attack against the working man and woman in the past 10 years."



by BARNARD RUBIN

THE State Department, which complains of news slanting and censorship in other countries, is itself a prime offender. Its international broadcasting division tailors all news to foreign countries to fit its propaganda objectives. Here are some of the actual directives to its editors:

"Delbert Clark (New York Times Berlin correspondent) on situation in Russian zone in Germany is not hard enough and should not be used."

A Times editorial attacking Czechoslovakia and Hungary inspired the following directive: "This should receive a good play in central and eastern Europe."

Directives like the above come from a specially assigned group of State Department officials whose job it is to slant the broadcasting division's news....



TOWN TALK

The musical *Street Scene*, which started off with a bang, has been hit by the current Broadway doldrums. Producers have laid off eight or so of the chorus and have asked star Ann Jeffreys to take a cut....

According to leading bookies, the biggest sucker for the ponies is the racing expert for a local morning tabloid. He's in a position to get the best racing information in the country, but when he bets he always scares himself off his own selections at the last minute....

Big money being made in the stolen car racket with the number of thefts increasing every day....

Celebrities are finding it harder and harder to escape the clutches of autograph hounds when in New York. One reason now is that many of the autograph bugs chip in as groups to subscribe to *Celebrity Service*, which lists the addresses of notables while they're living in New York....

The Original Ballet Russe will merge with the Nouveau Ballet de Monte Carlo probably some time in June and acquire a new name. Alla Markova, Anton Dolin and Rosella Hightower among those who will pull out and stick with Hurok....

Many of the nightclubs here have gotten into the habit of giving their employees week-to-week notice....

Igor Stravinsky will record for *Keynote Records*....

Andre Segovia ditto for *Musica*....

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company estimates the average age at death of poets should be 64.05; of musicians 62.27, and mathematicians 64.26....

Jackie Robinson turning down vaudeville offers....

Charles Chaplin met his wife's father, Eugene O'Neill the other night—for the first time—at Sardi's....

John Garfield and Zero Mostel with their heads together—also at Sardi's....

William Morris Jr., the agency man, won the Marc Chagall painting at the Art Young Club benefit at the ACA Gallery....

Geon-Carlo Manotti, composer of *The Medium* and *The Telephone* which opens tomorrow night, is a busy man. Slated to do a ballet score for Martha Graham and a ballet based on Proust's novels—plus two more scores, *The Superman*, a comedy, and a new opera, *The Consul*....

Six men, who looked remarkably like Southern senators, caused near riots in town yesterday afternoon. Dressed in the traditional frock coats, striped pants, big black Stetsons and flowing ties, they were seen causing trouble in front of Macys, Gimbels, and in the garment center.

Wherever they appeared they would yell at the top of their lungs, "What the hell do you need a union for?" "Pass the Hartley Bill!" "What was good enough for your forefathers is good enough for you," etc.

They succeeded in arousing the anger of many unionists passing by—to the extent of being threatened with physical violence.

They were saved only by the fact that when the unionists read the leaflet handed out by their tormenters, they found that the leaflets were a call from Local 65 to attend a mass rally this noon at 35th street and 7th avenue to protest against anti-labor legislation....

More objective editing: Editor & Publisher, the publishers' publication gave 14 columns to the report by the Commission on Freedom of the Press—and printed 28 column distorting it. The story itself was jumped from page seven to 60 but between those pages there were five full length stories and one full page editorial slandering the Commission....

NYU Professor Sidney Hook complained to *Dial Press* because it's publishing *The Judas Time*, the novel on deserters and betrayers of the working class movement, by Isador Schneider. Hook is a Trotskyite....

A reader of this column swears it's true. He called the "New York Post" and asked for *The Weasel*.

Honestly, I couldn't break him down. The girl, he said, answered, "Oh, you mean Mr. Riesel"....

Paul Robeson will speak at the public VE Day anniversary rally of the First National Encampment of Communist Veterans of World War II May 8 in Washington, D. D....

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Hit Anti-Labor Bills in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, April 29.—Four thousand workers demonstrated here last night against anti-labor bills. Speakers included Sen. Glen Taylor, C. W. Werkau, national secretary-treasurer of NSTW; B. Frank Bender, CIO regional director; James Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer; Joseph Henderson, Negro labor leader of ILWU, and Charles Eyré of the Shipyards.

Organizations sponsoring the rally included CIO, NPTW, Railroad Brotherhoods, AFL, NAACP, Urban League, Council of Churches, ADA, PCA and many others.